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Remarks/Arguments:

Claim 5 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claim 5 has been appropriately amended.

Claims 1-3 and 14-16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. 2003/0007444 (Tsukuda et al.). Also, claims 6-13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tsukuda. Claim 4, however, was indicated as being allowable if rewritten into independent form.

Accordingly, claims 2-4 have been incorporated into claim 1, and claims 2-4 have been cancelled. Claims 5 and 6 have been amended to depend from claim 1. Claims 15 and 16 have been cancelled.

In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the aboveidentified application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

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